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——*Serò ſapiunt Phryges.*

False to *yourſelves*, the *People* and the *State*,

Like *Fooliſh Phrygians*, you'll grow Wiſe too late.

ADMINISTRATION has now "*let ſlip the Dogs of War*, the helliſh *Cerberus*, with her *three Heads*, BURGOYNNE, HOW, and CLINTON, is ſailed. The dogmatic Gooſe Quil of the *fallacious* Dr. JOHNSON, that hireling Quixote of an *hireling Miniſtry*, has promulgated a ſolemn Sentence of Attainder againſt all Revolutioniſts in *Great Britain*;——Hear it ye WHIGS,

"And put in ev'ry honeſt Hand a Whip,
"To laſh the *Raſcal* naked thro' the World."

This *pitiful Retailer* of Apologies for MINISTERIAL TREACHERY, has had the Impudence to declare with the Effrontry

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Effrontry of a SANDWICH, or a DENBIGH, that whoever wiſhes Succeſs to AMERICA is a TRAYTOR to his Country.

From this *patriotic Declaration*, I preſume the *redoubted Doctor* is at length admitted into the *Arcana* of the Miniſtry. He pronounces with as much inſolence as if he was aſſured of their Intentions to paſs a Bill, (they have Voices enough to do it,) for declaring a *New Species of Treaſon*, namely, the *wiſhing Succeſs to oppreſſed America*. I will venture to ſay, that every *Revolutioniſt* in *England*, *Ireland*, and the *Sugar Colonies*, have long ſince incurred the Pains and Penalties of this Law in Embryo, if ſuch a One there be.

No *Engliſhman* can wear two Faces: Therefore if his MAJESTY, ſhould for the future, ſee as much ill Humour and Contempt in the Faces of his *Engliſh and Iriſh Subjects*, as they obſerve in *his*, he muſt not be ſurprized. BUTE and MANSFIELD, will inſtruct him that the Aſpects and Affections of a PEOPLE are beneath the Notice of a *Sovereign who inherit sthem*. But Conſcience in the Depth of Night, will ſpeak another Language, that will remind him, that he has rejected the Supplications of Millions in AMERICA, that has at length aſſented to their MURDER, that he has with an *Iron Tongue* and an *Iron Heart*, rung the *Knell* of *expiring* AMERICA.

It is a Maxim of our Law, (ſays the honeſt Chancellor FORTESCUE) that no Man was ever yet condemned or ſentenced by the Mouth of the KING HIMSELF.—'tis not ſo now,—the *preſent Sovereign* has been adviſed to declare preremptoraly to his *ſupplicating Citizens of London*, that, "he is *determined* to purſue the Meaſures which his *wiſe Parliament* have "recommended." We know that theſe are *not conciliating* but *deſtructive* Meaſures: Under theſe Meaſures AMERICA is either to be deſtroyed, or loſt for ever to this Nation.

The late *Royal Anſwer* to the PETITION of the *City of London*, fairly interpreted, would run thus: Let it ſpeak the Language of *Deſpotiſm* in *deſpotic Terms*: viz. "SLAVES, "by daring thus to remind US of our OPPRESSIONS in "*America*, you are yourſelves TRAITORS; by this *libellous* "*Petition* you aid and encourage REBELS. It is the Duty "of loyal Subjects paſſively to obey our *Will*. Our *Will* and "*Pleaſure* is REVENGE. This Reſolve we think fit to notify "by FAMINE and the SWORD: Theſe are the lenient "Meaſures, which our *Divan* has adviſed, and theſe we will "purſue. Your Confidence and Affection we deſpiſe, we

"confide

" confide alone in the *Wiſdom* of our *Divan*, by that great " Council your fancied Rights and your deſpicable Commerce " are wiſely doomed, with our entire Concurrence, to DE- " STRUCTION.

Thus we ſee how eaſily a deluded *Chriſtian Prince*, may ſpeak the Language of an *Eaſtern Tyrant*; for this Purpoſe we have fairly cloathed an Eaſtern Spirit, in an Eaſtern Garb; we have given the *haughty Sovereign's* plain Meaning in proper Words; we have not (like MANSFIELD, who penned the vile Harrangue) meanly ſuffered the Sentiments of an *inſolent Mogul* to be cramped by the Poverty of Princely Diction.

Upon BUTE's and MANSFIELD's Plans, Sovereigns are Divine *Vicegerents*, ſent down from Heaven, not in Mercy, but in Wrath, to indulge their own *impious Luſts*, and *ſcourge* Mankind. Let ſuch Sovereigns, therefore, be conſiſtent with themſelves; let them equally diſdain the Fetters of Language and Humanity—Let them ſpeakDAGGERS to their PEOPLE, and *Salvation* to their MINIONS. But can ſuch a Prince, conſcious that his PARLIAMENT has been *infamouſly ſmuggled*, by a mean and execrable Stretch of the Prerogative, (a ſudden Diſſolution) For fear of a National ASSOCIATION againſt future Treachery; conſcious that the Majority of his and his *Miniſter's* great Council (it is no *national Council*) are a Set of *Hirelings*, *filched into their Seats*, and *corrupted* to promote every deſpotic Luſt of a deluded MONARCH; can ſuch a *conſcious Prince* pronounce the Doom of Millions, not only without Emotion, but with compoſed Stupidity? This is not *Fortitude*, but *Calloſity* of Soul.

The whole European World is *aſtoniſhed* at our Perſecution of AMERICA, even Foreign, and deſpotic *Princes*, upon this Occaſion, have different Feelings, from the FATHER of that People who are deſtined to *Deſtruction*: Even Princes, who can ſend forth *Sword* and *Famine by a* NOD, are ASTONISHED at our wicked Policy, and abhor it; even the *natural Enemies* of GREAT BITAIN preſume to interfere with our INFERNAL ADMINISTRATION, they will not permit our Government (without *Reproaches*, *Inſults*, *Threats*, and *animated Declarations*) to MASSACRE MANKIND: France, under the Maſk of Humanity, preſumes to make us ſenſible of

of her great Condeſcenſion, Magnanmity, and Moderation, in ſuffering AMERICAN MURDER to paſs on freely and without Controul, She makes us underſtand that She connives at this *Slaughter* of our GALLANT SUBJECTS for the Sake of cultivating a good Underſtanding with the *King of Great Britain*, and the *whole Engliſh Nation*. But when *She* finds (as *She* ſhortly may) that this KING and KINGDOM are divided and trying the *Claim* of FREEDOM together in the *Field*, will FRANCE, who profeſſes ſo much *Magnanimity* and *Moderation*, remain *Neuter*? Her *Humanity*, her *Honour* will not Suffer *her*. She will *retaliate* our former Interpoſitions in *her* Government with the like *Strokes of Political Humanity*. *Spain*, who has ſo lately felt the Force of *Engliſh Arms*, will not permit us to turn them ſo *unnaturally* againſt *ourſelves*. *She* ſpeaks in plainer Terms: Let his *perſevering Majeſty* hear her *Humane Menaces*; *She* tells him boldly, that *She* will not tye up her Hands from relieving *Fellow Creatures* ſuffering under *wanton unprovoked Oppreſſion*. Alas! *Blind, infatuated Sovereign*. Canſt thou not diſcern the Tendency of this *Artful Spaniſh Declaration*? Does not *Spain* already hold out Succour to AMERICA? Will not *Injured* and *Deſpairing People* embrace the Offer? Will they not rather ſubmit to be *aided* by an *Enemy* than MURDERED by a PARENT? Will they not ſooner Change their *Names*, their *Laws*, their *Government*, their *Religion*, in *juſt Reſentment*, than enjoy theſe *flattering Modes*, theſe *ſounding Nothings* in a State of *Slavery*? —Think again, *Wiſe Sire*, before it is too late. Let me aſk Thee, thou *Clement Pious* SOVEREIGN, are not the *People*, in whoſe Favour *Spain* hath thus declared, *thy Fellow Creatures* alſo? Were they not under the *juſt Reign* of your *lamented Grandfather*, your *Fellow Subjects* too? Could *he* ariſe, one *Honeſt Frown* from *him*, would diſperſe your MINIONS, annihilate your *Pride*, blaſt your *execrable Politics*, and reſtore *Peace*, *Commerce*, and *Protection*, to the *tottering Conſtitution* of the BRITISH EMPIRE.

The *Spaniſh Nation* is brave, her *Pretext* for *interpoſing* is a noble one; tho' merely Political, it is to be preferred to *that* which is *Tyrannical*; it has, at leaſt, a plauſible Appearance, for it ſpeaks the Language of *Juſtice*, *Benevolence*, and *Humanity*. We find neither of theſe Ingredients in the *rigid Anſwer* which lately *repelled* the Petition of *the City*. *Fas eſt et ab hoſte doceri.*

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Let BUTE and MANSFIELD, the Leaders of an INFAMOUS ADMINISTRATION, let *their great Council their* Parliament (I ſay again it is not the *Nation's*) let the *Head Conſtable* of this Kingdom (the Dupe of all the *Herd)* for once receive *Inſtruction* from an *Enemy*. The *Spaniards* diſtinguiſh *juſtly* between a Sovereign's Right of reducing *refractory Subjects* to *juſt Obedience*, and making War upon *humble Supplicants* who Petition for their RIGHTS. They diſcern a difference (and there is a wide One) between *juſt Reſiſtance* and *unnatural Rebellion.* They tell us in *Manly* (to AMERICA they are *tempting) Terms* that AMERICA ſhall not Suffer *unheared, unpitied, unredreſſed*, and *Innocent.* Tho' a *venal* and *Corrupt* Majority, to gratify *deſpotic Spleen*, have in a BLOODY ACT, ſtyled AMERICA *Rebellious*, yet what Sanction can *ſuch Laws* derive from *Venality* and *Corruption*? *Laws*, to be *Sacred* and *obligatory* muſt be conſiſtent with the Laws of *God, Nature, Reaſon, ſound Policy* and the *Conſtitution* of the Kingdom. If they err in theſe reſpects it is an Error in the firſt Concoction, they are abſolutely Null and void in themſelves, and are no more to be regarded than "*the Laws of a parcel of Drunken Porters.*" I borrow this Elegant Compariſon from the Mouth of a *Great Man*, who is, at one and the ſame Time, a *privy Counſellor*, a *Penſioner*, a *Placeman*, and SPEAKER of the Houſe of Commons. *Situations* as *compatible* with that of SPEAKER, as *Obligatory Laws* are with *Venality* and *Corruption.*

I do not ſay that *Rebellious* SUBJECTS are not to be *chaſtiſed*; but they muſt firſt *Rebel*, all *Civil Chaſtiſment* beſides, muſt be inflicted by the Hand of *Wiſdom* and *Juſtice*, not by the Scourge of the OPPRESSOR. The *Wanton Power* that *Aggreſſes* and *Afflicts* ought not to *Puniſh*, but *Redreſs.* What *Political Wiſdom* is there in driving a whole *Territory*, a *Great Nation* of *Obedient* (tho' not *Paſſive)* Subjects to Deſpair? What *Wiſdom* in *loſing* or *exterminating*? What *Juſtice* in *refuſing to hear* the *ſuppoſed Delinqnent* before *She* turned SUPPLICATION into RAGE.

AMERICA profeſſes all *legal*, but like the BRAVE ANCESTRY from whence ſhe Springs, diſdains *paſſive Obedience*, ſhe honours and revers KINGS, but deſpiſes and defys TYRANTS.

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If ſhe conquers ſhe will continue to ſupport the the LIBERTY ſhe wins, if ſhe falls, (believe me ye WRETCED, ye SHALLOW MINISTERIAL POLITICIANS!) ſhe will not fall *unrevenged*, the Crowns of FRANCE and SPAIN, will not continue *neuter*, they will be the providential means of puniſhing our Iniquity to AMERICA; they will embroil a CIVIL WAR *here*, and aſſiſt it *there*, they will conquer ENGLAND in AMERICA, they will be received *there* with open Arms; in the laſt Agonies of AMERICAN DESPAIR, They will be received as CONQURERS, and *uſurping* TYRANNY, will be *expelled for ever*.

AMERICA will never condeſcend to enjoy the *uneſſential Name* of ENGLISHMEN under the *Lawleſs Power*, of a GRAND MOGUL, and his *deteſted Divan*.

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